



EL PASO HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MINUTES
2nd FLOOR CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FEBRUARY 20, 2006
4:00 P.M.

The El Paso Historic Landmark Commission met at the above place and date.
Meeting was called to order at 4:16 p.m.. Commission Chair Mr. Ray Rutledge presided and the following Commission Members were present:

Geoffrey Wright
Daniel Delahaye
Hector de Santiago

Absent: Daphne Hamilton, Carla Newman

Christina Valles requested Item 7, Approval of the December 19, 2005 meeting minutes, to be deleted from the agenda.

Motion made by Commission member Geoffrey Wright to delete Item 7. seconded by Commission Member, Hector de Santiago, and unanimously carried.

AYES: Geoffrey Wright, Daniel Delahaye, Hector de Santiago
NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE: Daphne Hamilton, Carla Newman

Agenda

Discussion and action on:

Demolition by Neglect

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| 1. | HP05027 | Lots 16-17, Block 10, Sunset Heights |
| | Location: | 528 Prospect |
| | Historic District: | Sunset Heights |
| | Property Owner: | Astrid Lyons |
| | Representative: | N/A |
| | Existing Zoning: | A-2/H (Apartment/Historic) |
| | Representative District: | #8 |
| | Year Built: | 1906 |
| | Contributing Status: | Contributing |
| | Request: | N/A |
| | Application Filed: | N/A |

Administrative Review Report

2. February 2006 Administrative Review Report – Christina Valles

Chair's Comments

3. March 3, 2006 deadline for HLC members to request for agenda items to be scheduled for the March 20, 2006 meeting.
4. Feedback from HLC members and general public on compliance
 1. Austin Terrace Historic District
 2. Chihuahuita Historic District
 3. Downtown Historic District
 4. Magoffin Heights Historic District
 5. Manhattan Heights Historic District
 6. Mission Trail Historic Corridor and District
 7. San Francisco Historic District
 8. Sunset Heights Historic District
 9. Ysleta Historic District
 10. Independent Historic Structures
5. Building Permits & Inspections Division Report, Joel Guzman
6. Planning Division Report, Christina Valles

Items for discussion and action:

7. Approval of the December 19, 2005 meeting minutes.
8. Approval of the February 6, 2006 meeting minutes.

Item 1, Demolition by Neglect

Christina Valles, Planner II, Development Services Department gave a presentation on the case. Photos of the residence dated 2001, 2005, and January 2006 were shown as part of this case. Ms. Valles read out a letter from Doug Yost as part of the record. In the letter Mr. Yost advised he inspected the residence as requested by the property owner and Mr. Delahaye and found no evidence of demolition by neglect. Mr. Yost urged the Historic Landmark Commission to deny the consideration for demolition by neglect.

Motion made by Geoffrey Wright to drop the demolition by neglect as recommended by Mr. Doug Yost, seconded by Daniel Delahaye, and unanimously carried.

**AYES: Mr. Wright, Mr. Delahaye, and Mr. DeSantiago
NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE: Daphne Hamilton, Carla Newman**

Ms. Astrid Lyons addressed the commission.

Administrative Review Report

Item 2. February 2006 Administrative Review report

Ms. Christina Valles provided the commission with the February 2006 report

There was discussion on ARD6008, 3007 Aurora, which was a request to reroof an existing wood pergola with green fiberglass.

Chair's Comments

Item 3: March 3, 2006 deadline for HLC member to request for agenda items to be scheduled for the March 20, 2006 meeting.

Chairperson Raymond Rutledge informed the commission of the March 3, 2006 deadline for submitting agenda items.

Item 4: Feedback from HLC members and general public on compliance

Mr. Daniel Delahaye advised of sidewalk curb cut improvements going on in the Sunset Heights Historic District however; the commission was not informed of this work. There was discussion on what the impact of this work would be on the neighborhood.

Mr. Joel Guzman informed the commission that the work was done following the Texas Accessibility Standards guidelines. Mr. Guzman advised that he would provide a report to inform the commission on how to prevent this from happening in other neighborhoods without first informing the Historic Landmark Commission.

Chairperson Raymond Rutledge asked about the process for demolition by neglect for 2731 Portland. Mr. Joel Guzman advised the property was condemned by the city in 2001. The commission would be provided with an update on the status of this property at the next meeting.

There was discussion on ongoing work on the landscaping at 4509 Trowbridge, which did not meet the 50% standards or water standards.

5. Building Permits & Inspections Division Report – Joel Guzman

The commission discussed code complaints for the property located at 309 West Yandell. Mr. Daniel Delahaye advised that he would provide a full report on the complaints and history of complaints on this property made by the neighborhood association to Mr. Guzman at the next meeting. Mr. Guzman stated the inspectors would go and inspect the property and prepare a report for the commission for their recommendation if they want to start the process for demolition by neglect.

Mr. Guzman advised the commission that the Code Enforcement Division is now enforcing any issue related to the zoning ordinance involving the Historic Landmark Commission and falls under Chapter 20.67, which is under the direction of the Environmental Services Department. Currently the office is located on the ninth floor but will be moving to an office located on El Paso Drive. The primary telephone number is 541-4386. If there were work being done on a residential property outside of a historic district, people would contact Ron Roth, 541-4805 and if it involves a commercial property, people would contact Tom Maguire at 541-4588.

6. Planning Division Report, Christina Valles

Chairperson asked what the status was on the two proposed telephone cell towers, one on the 2500 block of Federal and the other on Oregon Street. Ms. Valles advised the applicant filed an appeal for the case on Oregon Street but has not been posted on the City Council agenda as of yet. This request will come before the Historic Landmark Commission prior to being presented to City Council. For the cell tower proposed on Federal Street, Ms. Valles advised that the stand that Alltel Communications is taking is they have complied with the requirements. Since it is not subject to a public hearing, process, they only are required to obtain approval from the State Historic Preservation Office.

Items for discussion and action:

Item 8: Approval of the February 8, 2006 meeting minutes.

Commission Member Daniel Delahaye requested two corrections to be made. The first was the correct spelling of his last name Delahaye. The second was to remove the word "that" in the third line, second paragraphs on page 4, and that it should state, "FCC does not require a determination of eligibility."

Request was made by Raymond Rutledge for someone to make a motion to approve the February 8, 2006 meeting minutes with the two corrections. Mr. Daniel Delahaye made a motion to approve the minutes with the two corrections.

AYES: Daniel Delahaye

ABSTAIN: Geoffrey Wright, Hector DeSantiago.

Mr. Daniel Delahaye informed everyone that there would be a historic preservation class on March 4, 2006 at 535 Corto Way. Presenters will be Mr. Doug Yost and Mr. Daniel Delahaye.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.


Nancy M. Spencer
Secretary